GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1812
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2002
WELFARE SCHEMES
KAILASH MEGHWAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for the various schemes viz. Antyodaya Yojana, Famine relief etc. for each of the last three years;

(b) the amount actually spent on these schemes/programmes for the said period;

(c) the number of persons brought under the Below Poverty Line and above Poverty Line; State-wise, till date; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the schemes benefit the deserving strata of the society?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)&(b): Antyodaya Anna Yojana was started from March 2001. Under the scheme foodgrains (rice & wheat) are allotted to the States at highly subsidised rates. The estimated subsidy on the basis of the quantity of foodgrains allotted to the States and the quantity lifted by the States during year 2000-2001 is given in the annexed statement (Annex-I)

Food For Work (FFW) Programme for drought /flood relief was started in January 2001. Under the Programme foodgrains are provided to the States free of cost. The estimated subsidy on the basis of the economic cost of the foodgrains for the quantity allotted and lifted by the States during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is given in the annexed statement (Annex-I)

(c): A statement showing the number of Ration Cards Below Poverty Line and Above Poverty Line is attached (Annex-II)

(d): Government has taken a series of measures to ensure that the schemes benefit the deserving strata of the society. These are:-

(i) Based on the belief that truly democratic institutions safeguard food security concerns of all better than the State bureaucracy, the Government has advised the State Governments to involve the Gram Panchayats more substantially in the supervision and monitoring of PDS especially at FPS level as a measure of social audit.

(ii) The allocation of foodgrains for the BPL category was increased from 10 kg. to 20 kg.w.e.f. 1.4.2000, to 25 kg. per family per month from July, 2001 and to 35 kg per family per month w.e.f. 1.4.2002 for a period of one year.

(iii) Government of India is reimbursing the road transport cost on actual basis fortransportation of foodgrains, to be distributed through PDS network, from the base depots ofFCI to the designated Public Distribution Centres (PDCs) under the Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS) scheme, which is aplicable to predominantly hilly States (including North-Eastern States and Island Territories).

(iv) Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been implemented throughout the country. The scheme envisages 25kg. of foodgrains per family per month at highly subsidized rates of Rs.2 a kg. for wheat and Rs.3 a kg. for rice. The scale of issue has been enhanced to 35 kg. per family per month w.e.f. 1.4.2002 for a period of one year.

(v) In order to maintain supplies, secure availability and distribution of subsidized commodities to the targeted beneficiaries under the PDS, the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 has been issued on 31.8.2001.

ANNEX-I

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1812 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26-07-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING SUBSIDY ON ALLOCATION AND OFFTAKE OF FOODGRAINS UNDER ANTYODAYA ANNA YO AND FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME.

Antyodaya Anna Yojana

	2000-2001 Subsidy Allocation (in Rs. Crores)	Offtake	2001-2002 Subsidy Allocation (in Rs. Crores)	Offtake
RICE	30.47	15.75	930.57	817.28
WHEAT	14.00	11.00	625.04	519.89
TOTAL	44.47	26.75	1555.60	1337.18

Food for Work

	2000-2001 Subsidy Allocation (in Rs. Crores)	Offtake	2001-2002 Subsidy Allocation (in Rs. Crores)	Offtake
RICE	425.71	342.64	2849.53	2725.09
WHEAT	205.25	113.41	843.11	803.37
TOTAL	630.96	456.05	3692.64	3528.46

ANNEX-II

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1812 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26-07-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATE WISE NO. OF RATION CARDS
(In Lakhs)

S.No.	States/UTs	BPL	AAY	APL	TOTAL
1.	Andhra Pradesh	98.82	6.23	53.97	159.02
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.84	0.15	2.73	3.72
3.	Assam	18.84	2.81	25.72	47.37
4.	Bihar	51.64	9.99	54.56	116.19
5.	Chhattisgarh	18.19	2.70	24.90	45.79
6.	Delhi	3.06	0.32	33.86	37.24
7	Goa	0.16	0.06	3.00	3.22
8.	Gujarat	30.67	3.25	77.87	111.79
9.	Haryana	6.61	1.14	36.67	44.42
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2.19	0.79	10.34	13.32
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.36	1.13	10.12	14.61
12.	Jharkand	16.62	3.66	5.15	25.43
13.	Karnataka	59.11	4.76	48.98	112.85
14.	Kerala	20.10	2.49	41.28	63.87
15.	Madhya Pradesh	50.40	6.32	82.28	139.00
16.	Maharashtra	63.39	10.02	145.87	219.28
17.	Manipur	0.42	0.25	1.13	1.80
18.	Meghalaya	1.55	0.28	0.98	2.81
19.	Mizoram	0.58	0.10	1.71	2.39
20.	Nagaland	1.05	0.19	0.75	1.99
21.	Orissa	43.50	5.05	30.47	79.02
22.	Punjab	6.32	0.72	48.19	55.23
23.	Rajasthan	19.14	3.73	93.49	116.36

24.Sikkim	0.30	0.07	1.89	2.26
25.Tamilnadu		6.74	161.15	167.89
26.Tripura	2.50	0.45	4.79	7.74
27.Uttaranchal	4.22	0.76	16.77	21.75
28.Uttar Pradesh	90.38	16.36	282.01	388.75
29.West Bengal	41.33	5.59	112.42	159.34
30.A&N Islands	0.11	0.04	0.72	0.87
31.Chandigarh	0.10	0.03	2.15	2.28
32.D&N Haveli	0.13	0.03	0.17	0.33
33.Daman & Diu	0.00	0.01	0.17	0.18
34.Lakshdweep	0.00	0.004	0.11	0.11
35.Pondicherry	0.86	0.09	1.75	2.70
Total	656.49	96.31	1418.12	2170.92